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"During another excursion, says Péron, 'on approaching the bank, we found a very great fire. Round about it, as if strewn by chance, were nearly all the objects which we had given to the aborigines, or which they had stolen from us even at the peril of their lives. We had previously found several other things, spread here and there in the woods, and we were convinced that, having satisfied a childish curiosity these ignorant men, as if embarrassed by our favours, abandoned the object as soon as it ceased to please or amuse them.' (ch. xii. p. 257)."

1: Roth--48
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"Both Backhouse and Davies speak of their improvidence. The former says (p. 175), 'The Wallaby and Brush Kangaroo are become scarce on Flinders Island, in consequence of the improvidence of the people in killing all they can, when they have opportunity, and often more than their wants require;' and the latter (p. 415), 'They are an extremely improvident race, for although dependent almost entirely upon their hunting for subsistence, yet they will slaughter indiscriminately, long after they have supplied themselves with sufficient for their present use.' In a small circumscribed place like Flinders Island fauna might easily become extirpated without the natives being necessarily improvident but Davies' statement in this respect is quite positive."

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"'They lay up no stores of provisions, and have been known in winter time to eat kangaroo skins' (Brodribb, p. 52)."